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1. The training area is south of Weisswasser, east of the Roxberg-Nochten road. **Sentries** with black-bordered crimson epaulets and red-bordered black epaulets were posted **by twos along the road at intervals of** about 100 meters. Tanks were parked in a camp about midway between Roxberg and Nochten. There was a board fence, about 1.5 km long, at the camp. Unidentifiable, rumbling reports came from the direction of the training grounds. Soldiers were engaged in combat training.

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3.  troops and tanks were detrained at Weisswasser the eight days following 9 April 1950. They moved toward Nochten. Signboards and posters in the surrounding communities notified the population that the training area was off limits.
4. Guns of about 120-mm caliber were standing opposite the camp, west of the Roxberg-Nochten road. \*

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\*  Comment. The report substantiates the assumption that component units of the 9th Mecz Div had field exercises at the training grounds south of Weisswasser during the summer of 1950. See  All motor vehicles reported belong  to that division. The statements that troops were detrained at Weisswasser after 8 April 1950 are not given unqualified acceptance. Though it was reported that two troop transports left Cottbus toward Senftenberg on 4 and 5 April 1950, see  information

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obtained in late April 1950, showed that the Cottbus barracks were occupied as during the winter of 1949. See [redacted]

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[redacted] reported that the transfer of Cottbus units to Weisswasser was not effected earlier than May 1950. See [redacted]

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